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Hon. Judah P. Benjamin.

The Lord Chancellor has conferred "silk" upon Mr. J. P. Benjamin, farrier-at-law, of the Northern Circuit. Mr. Benjamin was born in 1811, in the British West Indies, and commenced the practice of the law in New Orleans between thirty and forty years ago. During the twelve years which preceded the breaking out of the war between the Northern and Southern States of America, he was United States Senator of Louisiana, and during the same period, or the greater part of it, he led the bar before the Supreme Court at Washington. In those days to be a Senator was a high distinction. He became, as is well known, Secretary of State Department to the Government of the Confederate States, under Jefferson Davis; he afterward became War Secretary, and held that office at the time of the battle of Bull Run; eventually he became Secretary of State Department again. In the latter position he conducted all the correspondence and negotiations with other countries. He was with Jefferson Davis at the end of the war, and after numerous hair-breadth escapes ** arrived in England in 1865, and entered at Lincoln's Inn. He was called to the bar in 1866, ex speciali gratia, waiving the usual period of studentship on account of his high legal knowledge and experience. His progress toward the attainment of a practice at the English bar was at first slow, and though his abilities and experience fitted him for leading, his position at the bottom of the junior bar prevented leading business from being given to him. He gradually, however, obtained and increased a practice, principally in Liverpool and Manchester cases. His arguments in these cases were noticed at the time as combining strict legal accuracy with a persuasive and adroit rhetoric, two attributes which comparatively seldom run together, the latter being, indeed, a somewhat scarce commodity at the Equity Bar. About this time he employed the time which hung on his hands in composing his now well-known book on the Contract of Sale. About three years ago Mr. Justice Hannen, recognizing his abilities and the difficulty of his position, gave him, (as a Justice in Eyre has a right to do,) Palatine "silk" for Lancashire. Mr. Benjamin's position as one of the first advocates and lawyers at the Common Bar is now fairly recognized. It is understood that he applied for a silk gown at the last creation of Q. C.'s; his application, however, was not at that time successful, probably on account of the short period of his English practice. It is stated that he now receives his silk gown in consequence of the Lord Chancellor having been so impressed with the ability of his recent argument before the House of Lords in the case of "Potter vs. Rankin," as to consider that it would be unjust to withhold from him the precedence of a Q. C.—*English Solicitor's Journal.*

THE STATE LIBRARY.—The available points in the State Library are adorned with some works of art, an enumeration of which may not prove uninteresting to the readers of the News. Fielding Lewis, life-size portrait on canvas; Philip St. George Cook, life-size portrait on canvas; John Taylor, of Caroline, life-size portrait on canvas; Robert E. Lee, life-size in oil, belongs to Virginia Senate; John Hecker's imperial photograph of Washington; Bullock & Co.'s New Orleans lithograph of Jefferson Davis; a large steel engraving of Stonewall Jackson, also a fac simile of the ball bound of John Jay's Maj. Gen. Hitchcock's map of "35 miles around Richmond;" Bogardus & Baudman Bros. imperial photograph of Horace Greeley; Thos. H. Williamson's "first attempt at a topographical map of Virginia;" Picture of the Tomb of Washington, published by the Ladies' Mt. Vernon Society; a striking plaster cast of ex-President John Tyler; Valentine's splendid bust of Gen. J. E. B. Stuart; the Virginia Declaration of Rights, written in 1776, supposed author, George Mason; Lady Washington's Reception, from the original in the possession of A. T. Stewart; the Declaration of American Independence, July 4, 1776, on parchment; the Virginia Ordinance of Secession, lithograph, by C. Ludwig, Richmond, Va.; lithograph of John Letcher, ex-Governor of Virginia, published by Blanton Duncan, Columbia, South Carolina.—*Richmond News.*

OFFICE AND ITS RESPONSIBILITIES.—An English journal reports a case of suicide caused by the consequences of having been appointed a parish overseer. The particulars given are as follows: "The suicide (jumping out of a railway train) was committed by Daniel Beal Harvey, aged sixty-three, a commission agent residing at St. Margaret's, but carrying on business in London. It was stated at the inquest that so convinced was the medical gentleman in attendance upon the deceased that the appointment of overseer and the supposed responsibilities attaching thereto would be liable to bring on an attack of inflammation of the brain, if nothing more serious, that he had given a certificate to that effect to be presented to the Chesham magistrates on the same morning with the view of getting him relieved from the appointment. The jury returned a verdict of suicide while in an unsound state of mind." Such an occurrence could scarcely have happened in the United States. Our national mania for officeholding is so strong that it is quite safe to predict a thousand cases of suicide, or insanity caused by disappointed political aspirations to a single case of mental suffering created by a dread of the responsibilities of office. Indeed, the last thing that our trained politicians think of is the duties and responsibilities of the posts of honor and profit which they are perpetually seeking.—*Philadelphia Record.*

SHOT BY HER LOVER.—A correspondent at Geneva, writing on the 8th inst., gives an account of a romantic tragedy in Switzerland. A young Polish student formed the acquaintance of an American lady named Huse, with her four daughters was staying at Gersau. After a time he asked the hand of one of the young ladies in marriage, but was refused, and the family shortly afterwards left for Geneva. On Sunday last the young lady was out for a walk in a wood with one of her sisters and an English gentleman, when suddenly the Pole appeared and presenting a revolver first shot Miss Huse and then attempted to blow out his own brains. He so far succeeded in a critical state both he and his victim were in a critical state and not expected to live. Miss Huse was shot in the head and the bullet passing through her temple and striking her tongue has stopped her power of speech.

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Many of the companies whose roads are now in course of construction, own land grants on a small scale, but there are about a dozen Companies holding lands to a very large extent, prominent among which we note the St. Joseph and Denver City Railroad Company, to which an association holding 100,000 acres of the finest lands in Kansas and Nebraska.

This road is located in Missouri, Nebraska and Kansas, the progress of the two former of which States, is too well known to require further allusion thereto.

Kansas, which is the nearest, and most promising State beyond the Missouri border, is rapidly filling up with hardy agricultural settlers, and there is every indication, that it will soon possess one of the most productive populations in the Union. Many colonies, both of the East and Europe are locating in the State, and thrifty and growing villages are springing up in every direction, the lands surrounding them being quickly purchased and occupied by Farmers and Stock-raisers. The climate of Kansas is mild and agreeable; the waters are short and snow seldom falls to any considerable depth; the soil is adapted to the cereals and all the fruits and vegetables of the Eastern States; hemp and sorghum are common crops, and cotton has been raised in South Kansas. Eastern Kansas presents a succession of rich prairies, fertile valleys, grass-covered hills with an abundance of yellow oak, black walnut, elm, hickory, sycamore, basswood and other timber, along the streams. The middle is more thinly wooded, but the west has many extensive tracts of forest, the best requisites of the finest grazing country. The more important mineral products are granite, gypsum and coal. The entire area is 57,000,000 acres, or enough to make eleven States of the size of Massachusetts.

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